

EXECUTIVE ORDER

05-09

April 27, 2005

SUPPORT OF RHODE ISLAND NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS RETURNING FROM OVERSEAS DUTY

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Rhode Island National Guard in the long standing tradition of America's citizen soldiers put aside their lives, families and livelihood to answer the call of their country;

WHEREAS, these men and women are returning home to pick up the fabric of their private citizen lives; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Rhode Island wish to make a tangible and meaningful gesture of thanks to these brave men and women.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD L. CARCIERI, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby order the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation ("RIEDC") to coordinate support to these National Guard members as follows:

- I. Working in cooperation with its "Every Company Counts" initiative, the RIEDC shall provide:
 - a. Support to returning members of the National Guard who have existing small businesses. Such support shall include financing, management training, strategic planning, and customer

networking necessary to enhance and grow their businesses;
and

- b. Support to returning members of the National Guard who wish to start their own businesses. Such support shall include preparing a business plan, gaining access to capital, and other services aimed at business development.
2. Working in cooperation with the Department of Labor and Training, the RIEDC shall provide:
- a. Access to job skill training;
 - b. Access to existing employment opportunities; and
 - c. Specific outreach to Rhode Island companies to hire returning members of the National Guard.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon the date hereof.

So Ordered:

Donald L. Carcieri

Dated: _____